

MINUTES

- Attendees:
- Joe Gaffney, City of Rohnert Park
 - Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
 - Al Mazza, City of Sonoma
 - Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
 - Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
 - Dave Pinsky, City of Santa Rosa
 - Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency
 - Kiergan Pegg, Sonoma County Water Agency
 - Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
 - Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency
 - Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District
 - George Roberts, Forestville Water District
 - Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
 - Steve Phelps, Marin Municipal Water District
 - Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District
 - Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District
 - Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District
 - Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
 - Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District
 - Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
 - Dennis Dorch, City of Cotati
 - Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
- Public Attendees:
- Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters, Marin
 - Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers
 - Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
 - Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth
 - Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
 - Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water Company

A. Call to Order

Mile Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:10.

B. Introductions

The attendees made introductions.

C. Public Comment

Brenda Adelman, Russian Rivershed Protection Committee, said that the first public workshop on the water supply agreement, September 20, coincided with the Fisheries meeting in Ukiah, and that this was a disappointment.

D. Approval of August 6, 2001 Minutes

Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, had a few comments regarding the August minutes. She wondered why so much of the content had been removed in the second draft. Mr. Ferris explained that the secretary was trying to find a balance between making the minutes too detailed and making them too broad. Ms. Torliatt said that she would fax over any corrections and then motioned to approve. Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon, seconded.

E. Status of Impairment Condition MOU

Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency, distributed a handout dealing with the contractors' efforts to comply with the MOU demand reduction actions, and detailed what the contractors had agreed to do when they signed the MOU. Mr. Anderson will be contacting all MOU signatories for updates to their action plan shortly.

F. Written Report on Status of Master Agreement Negotiation

The written report, which had been provided by John Nelson, Water Resources Management, was passed out. Kiergan Pegg, Sonoma County Water Agency, updated the committee on the status of the SCWA/WAC web page. Mr. Pegg passed out a packet of information showing what is on the web page now.

He explained that the original web address that the committee had chosen, www.WAC.scwa.com, will not be the address as it would require the SCWA to maintain a separate site apart from its own. The WAC is set up as a link off of the SCWA homepage.

Dave Pinsky, City of Santa Rosa, asked if it was possible to spell out Water Advisory Committee on the link, as the general public might not know what WAC meant. Mr. Pegg said that it was kind of hard to do, and that the site had places where the whole name was spelled out.

Mr. Pegg explained to the committee how the public comment section of the page would work. People will have a choice of whether or not they want to leave their name with their comment. The comments will be put into a database and sorted by topic and date, and they will also be screened for content, so that nothing inappropriate will appear on the website.

Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth, said that she had tried to gain access to the SCWA web page through the Sonoma County government page and that there was only a little bit of information about the SCWA. She was concerned with the public thinking that was the only information available and asked if a link could be put from the county page to the SCWA page. Randy Poole, SCWA, said that SCWA had requested to be taken off

the county web site. Mr. Pegg said that the county government and the SCWA were separate entities but a link from the county site to the SCWA site would be available, with all information at the SCWA site.

Mr. Pegg will bring a final version of the site to the next WAC meeting; he welcomes any comments from WAC members.

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, asked what the contractors would need to do concerning facilitation of the first workshop. Ms. Jeane answered that each contractor must commit one person to help. She also assured the committee that elected officials and general managers for each of the contractors would stay on the mailing list to receive all notices about the upcoming workshops.

Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District, asked what role elected officials should play in these workshops if they chose to attend. Mr. Ferris said that if elected officials were to attend the meeting they would need to participate like a member of the general public and that no action could be taken on their part.

G. L/R/T2 Guidelines and Project Evaluation Criteria and FY02 Projects

Mr. DeGabriele noted that SCWA had concerns about a few details of the Guidelines and Project Evaluation Criteria, which the WAC had approved at their May meeting, and a copy was provided. Randy Poole noted that MMWD and Windsor needed to be included throughout the guidelines, that SCWA's accounting methods make it hard to accumulate money from year to year, and that the funding level of \$1.3 million annually was less than the SCWA had originally intended. Joe Gaffney, City of Rohnert Park, said that if funds cannot be accumulated, small cities would not have adequate money. It seemed that some members were somewhat confused about the eligible recycling projects, funding allocations and entitlements.

Ms. Torliatt asked if the WAC or the Water Agency Board set budget. Mr. Poole said that the Water Agency sets the budget with recommendations from the WAC. He also said SCWA anticipated 2-4 million dollars annually. There was some discussion over how much the budget had increased and decreased over the last few years. Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati, said that with the funding based on actual usage, Cotati gets even less than its entitlement share and makes funding of viable projects more difficult. Cotati currently uses local water supply to supplement SCWA water and doing so benefits all the water contractors. With that in mind, she hopes that considerations are made when Cotati goes before the group for projects.

It was decided that the subcommittee would meet with SCWA finance staff and revise the wording and then present the new document at the next WAC meeting. The subcommittee would also review the three funding applications from Contractors.

H. Other Business

Mr. Poole let the committee know that a flow related habitat study would be going on for the next couple weeks, and that it would affect the Russian River water flow. The cities were encouraged to stop all unnecessary irrigation and use wells if possible. Ms. Torliatt asked if it was possible to get a written schedule of when the study would be

occurring. Mr. Poole provided Ms. Torliatt a paper copy of the press release with the complete schedule.

Mr. Poole also talked about the Collector 6 lateral pilot study and mentioned that there were some delays. A memo would be sent to the contractors offering more detail.

Mr. DeGabriele asked when a financial report could be expected and Mr. Poole answered that a date has not been set yet.

Mr. Ferris asked how the water distribution operation training was going and reminded the group that certification testing opportunities are limited. Ron Thesien, Marin Municipal Water District, said that Department of Health Services was testing twice a year; testing had occurred recently; and we should be looking for announcements of the next testing in about three months.

I. Items for Next Agenda

The items for the next agenda included an update on groundwater activities and an Ely Booster update.

H. Adjourn

Mr. Ferris adjourned the meeting at 10:20am.

DISTRIBUTION:

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers
Joyce Arnold, North Marin Water District
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
Paul Berlant, Town of Windsor
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth
Robert Brownwood, California Department of Health
Services
Janice Cader-Thompson, City of Petaluma
Geoff Cartwright
Gail Chavez, City of Santa Rosa
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water
Noreen Evans, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Jim Flugum, City of Healdsburg
Joe Gaffney, City of Rohnert Park
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District
Tom Hargis, City of Petaluma
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District
Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
David Keller
Ruth Langridge

Rose Leppert
Diane Lesko, City of Santa Rosa
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Caroline Marker, City of Healdsburg
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Bill Massey, Forestville Water District
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor
Gerry Nakano, West Yost
John Nelson, Water Resources Management
Joe Netter, City of Rohnert Park

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Diane Reilly Torres
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George Roberts, Forestville Water District
Bill Robertson, City of Healdsburg
Dana Roxon, Marin Municipal Water District
Dale Shaddox, City of Cotati
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Fred Stouder, City of Petaluma
Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Dell Tredinnick, City of Santa Rosa
John Wanger, City of Cloverdale

Renee Webber, Sonoma County Water Agency
Dave Willer, Valley of the Moon Water District
Michael Burgess, California Department of Health
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